GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:325
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2017
Basic Facilities in MEMU/EMU Trains
Gaikwad Dr. Sunil Baliram;Kirtikar Shri Gajanan Chandrakant

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MEMU and EMU trains are running more than their administered distance and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether no toilet facility is available in old coaches of MEMU/EMU short distance trains running on daily basis and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government plans to provide basic facility in these old coaches of MEMU/EMU trains running in various parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such facility is likely to be provided in these coaches/trains; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the manner in which the basic facility would be extended to the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

*****

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 325 BY SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR AND DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2017 REGARDING BASIC FACILITIES IN MEMU/EMU TRAINS

(a) to (e): Presently, the administered distance has been legislated only for Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) trains which, interalia, stipulates that trains running more than 160 Kilometers or more than 4 hours are to be provided with toilet facility. At present, there are no MEMU trains running more than the administered distance without toilet facility on Indian Railways. Moreover, from April 2010 onwards, all newly manufactured MEMU trailer coaches have been provided with toilet facilities. At present, approximately 31 rakes running less than 160 Km or 4 hrs. are without toilet facilities. Action has been initiated to provide, atleast, one trailer coach in these rakes with toilet facilities in a phased manner.

For Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) trains, unlike MEMU trains, which mostly ply in suburban sections of Metropolitan cities having very high density traffic, less travel time and short distance, there is no such stipulation of administered distances or running time. Further, provision of toilets in EMU coaches is not desirable as it will cut into the carrying capacity of trains.

*****